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SUBJECT:PAINTINGS FROM AMERICAN MUSEUMS EXHIBITION

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1. AMERICAN EXPRESS IS WILLING TO FINANCE RECEPTION OF SIZE AND ESTIMATED COST PROPOSED IN REFTEL AND PROPOSES TO SEND CHECK IN ADVANCE VIA DEPARTMENT. AMERICAN EXPRESS BELIEVES BEST TIME FOR RECEPTION WOULD BE NIGHT OF EXHIBITION OPENING OR PREVIOUS NIGHT. ASSUME CONSUL GENERAL WILL INVITE FIGURES FROM LOCAL MUSEUM AND ART WORLD.

2. AMERICAN EXPRESS GROUP WILL INCLUDE FORMER AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK COE; DIRECTORS OF ART GALLERIES IN ATLANTA, WASHINGTON, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK AND CODY, WYOMING; HEADS OF TWO NEWSPAPER CHAINS; AND PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN FROM WHITNEY GALLERY.

3. HANSEN-STURM WAS UNAWARE THAT DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAD NOT REIMBURSED CONSUL GENERAL FOR 1974 TOURISM DELEGATION. HANSEN-STURM WILL ASK VISIT USA GROUP TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT WHEN GROUP MEETS AT DEPARTMENT JANUARY 27.

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4. FOR MOSCOW: AMERICAN EXPRESS IS STILL INTERESTED IN
HAVING SIMILAR RECEPTION FOR GROUP AT SPASO HOUSE FEBRUARY

15 OR 16 AT AMERICAN EXPRESS EXPENSE AS PROPOSED TO CAO
BY MOSCOW AMERICAN EXPRESS REPRESENTATIVE. SISCO

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